



## MINUTES

### MEETING ON 2<sup>ND</sup> WAVE TRANSHUMANCE UNESCO WORLD INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE NOMINATION, IYRP AND PROGRAMME "TRE TERRE RURALI D'EUROPA"

Madrid 21,22 and 23 of October 2022

As convened by the letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2022 (prot. no. 31), the 21, 22 and 23 of October 2022, the Focal Points for the second wave of Transhumance Nomination as UNESCO ICH, (10 countries, some of which are part of the International Steering Committee of the TRE Terre Rurali d'Europa Programme), IYRP (International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists) and FAO-PKH (Pastoral Knowledge Hub) members met in Madrid - Spain for the following agenda:

1. Presentation of the Transnational Cooperation Programme " T.R.E. – Terre Rurali d'Europa" (Rural Lands of Europe) and related projects.
2. Presentation of National Safeguard activities of the different Partner Countries of the second UNESCO ICH Nomination, and their possible integration in joint activities.
3. Presentation of the common Safeguard Plan and open discussion on proposals for joint activities in the framework of the T.R.E. programme.
4. The Safeguard Plan activities in collaboration with the FAO PKH (Pastoralism Knowledge Hub) and in view of the IYRP (International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralism)

#### List of Participants

**Albania:** Focal Point Albania, International Steering Committee Programme TRE, Executive Director Organization Rural: **Esmeralda Laci**

**Andorra:** Representative of the Ministry of Culture: **Eva Erasa** ; Embassy of Andorra in Madrid: **Iolanda Arauz**

**France:** Focal Point France, International Steering Committee Programme TRE: **Fabienne Gilot**;

**Germany:** LPP League for Pastoral Peoples Founder, member FAO-PKH & IYRP, Pastoralism Expert Worldwide: **Ilse Köhler-Rollefson**; LPP International Project Coordinator: **Sabine Poth**; LPP Member, and past-President of the German Federal Association of Professional Shepherds (Bundesverband Berufsschäfer): **Günther Czerkus**

**Greece :** Focal Point Greece, International Steering Committee Programme TRE, Researcher Hellenic Agricultural Organisation Dr. **Despoina Karatosidi**

**Italy:** Focal Point Italy, Coordinator International Steering Committee Programme TRE, President of Fondazione Popoli e Territori, member FAO-PKH: **Nicola di Niro**

**Luxemburg:** Representative of the Ministry of Culture of Luxemburg: **Patrick Dondelinger**; Focal Point Luxemburg and Transhumance Shepherdess: **Myriam Weber**

**Mongolia:** Embassy of Mongolia in Paris: Representing Mrs Uyanga Suckhbaatar, Responsible UNESCO/IYRP Europe: **Bayar Jargal**

**Portugal:** University of Bragança, Pastoralism & Transhumance Expert: **Julio Sa Rego**; Sierra Estrela, Transhumance & Pastoralism Expert : **Miguel Rainha**

**Rumania:** Focal Point Rumania, University Agricultural Sciences of Bucharest: Prof **Julian Vlad**; President Shepherds Association Romania: **Eugen Gontea Petru** ; Vice-President Shepherds Association Romania: **Ion Savescu**

**Spain:** Focal Point Spain, International Steering Committee Programme TRE, Responsible for International Projects Association Concejo de la Mesta, member FAO-PKH & IYRP: **Francesca Pasetti**; Spanish Steering Committee Programme TRE: **Cristina Bernat**

**Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain (MITECO):** Subdirector Forestry Department, Expert in Livestock Trails: **Guillermo Centeno**; Chief of Cultural Heritage Services, Expert in Livestock Trails: **Javier Chico**

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**Autonomous Community of Madrid:** Responsible Livestock Trails in the Autonomous Community of Madrid: **José Alberto Millán** ; Town Councillor of Madrid: **Ignacio Benito Perez**

**Amigos de la Tierra:** Pastoralism & Transhumance Expert in Spain: **Lawrence Sudlow**

**Asociación Concejo de la Mesta:** Pastoralism & Transhumance Expert in Spain: **Juan Garcia Vicente**; Pastoralism & Transhumance Expert in Spain: **Julio Vias**

**IYRP (International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralism):** BC3 (Basque Centre for Climate Change): Researcher and Pastoralism Expert, Member FAO PKH & IUCN: **Pablo Manzano**; Colorado University, and Pastoralism Expert worldwide: **Maria Fernandez Jimenez**

**Austria** (Cristina Biasetto) and **Croatia** (Lidja Nićosević), were excused: they could not be present in the meeting this time, but are actively participating in all common working processes

### SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

At the end of the meeting, the Focal Points in accordance with the five members of the International Steering Committee of the TRE Programme, came to decisions on:

- the Nomination of Transhumance UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage through the TRE PROGRAMME in the new European programming 2030
- the progress made by countries on National and International Safeguard Plans
- the joint actions to be implemented
- the work schedules, also in view of IYRP
- First steps for a third wave of Transhumance Nomination as World Intangible Cultural Heritage

## 1 PROGRAMME TRE

The Programme TRE is a European programme for an Integral Rural Development, which includes the Safeguard Plan of Transhumance in all European countries, and will allow the national and common actions to be financed by EU Projects



### 1.1 Programme TRE Management : CRAMM Geaco

Nicola di Niro explains that **CRAMM (Centro Rurale Assistenza Multiservizi** – Rural Centre for Multiservices Assistance) Geaco srl is the structure created for the implementation of the TRE Terre Rurali d'Europa Programme and for the management of the Transhumance Safeguard Plan at European level

Since the presentation of the first UNESCO nomination a working group of experts has been set up, members of the CRAMM structure, in Italy, Albania, Austria, Greece, France and Spain with a view to coordinating and setting

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up actions within the framework of the desired new European programming of the TRE, in collaboration with FAO PKH and in view of IYRP

Nicola di Niro presents 2 pilot PARCOVIE projects for Italy as example and every country will have to present its own project, in which Natural/National or Regional Parks are linked through one or more transhumant's drove roads.

### 1.1.1 The project Parcovie Italy



3 Centres:

- one is NW Italy, with droves going to France and Spain,
- second is NE of Italy, with droves going to Austria,
- third, droves going to Albania and Greece, crossing the Adriatic. This droves System is uniting West and South-East Europe

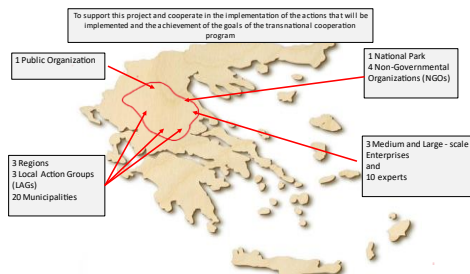
Green corridor going from the National Parc of Gargano to Parco Nazionale d' Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise and to Parco Appia (nearby Rome), and we are networking with all stakeholders of the territory, to develop the National and the European Programme to establish a "niche market" with all local products.

### 1.1.2 The project Parcovie Spain



In Spain Pilot Parcovie project will be a Green Corridor, going from Doñana National Parc, to Cabañeros National Parc, to Guadarrama National Parc up to the national Parc of Picos de Europa. Here there already exists a protected network of 4 traditional droves, which name is, from north to south: Cañada Real Leonesa oriental, CR Segoviana, CR Riojana and CR Soriana Oriental.

### 1.1.3 The project Parcovie Greece



This project is focused in one of the largest transhumant drove, the "Asproptomos" trail, covering 200 km and connecting two big regions. 5 other transhumant paths are passing and/or crossing this main one, fact that enriches the cultural and tourist connection of the continental Greek regions like Sterea Ellada, Epirus, West and Central Macedonia. More than 23.000 transhumant animals are using Asproptomos drove every year, leaving their imprint on 20 municipalities.

## 2 EACH COUNTRY PRESENTS ITS NATIONAL SAFEGUARD PLAN

### 2.1 ROMANIA - Julian Vlad

32% of Romania is mountains. 4.9 million hectares of pasture, in 2020 there were 10,464,394 sheep. The situation of transhumance in the country is very vulnerable due to predators such as jackals and bears and because most of the rural population has migrated to the cities.



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It is very important to let know about transhumance as it is still nowadays a very important economic, social and environmental driver.

Transhumance is not only motivating because of its economic contribution but also because it is an environmentally necessary phenomenon. As in many other countries, very well adapted local breedings are endangered because there are less and less shepherds.

To help spread knowledge about transhumance in Rumania, three books have recently published:

- *Pastoritul Carpatic, traditie si continuitate.*
- *Transhumanta Carpatica a oilor Turcane*
- *Pastoritul by Lucian David*

### 2.2 LUXEMBOURG - Patrick Dondelinger

The Ministry of Culture inscribed Transhumance in the National Inventory of Cultural Heritage and published the information in its multilingual webpage [www.iki.lu](http://www.iki.lu) in Luxemburgish, German, French and English

Another initiative of the Ministry of Culture: the new law on Cultural Heritage includes Intangible Cultural Heritage and has budget for safeguarding measures, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Education is producing videos and didactic material on Transhumance for schools

UNESCO "Man and Biosphere" zone in South Luxembourg (Minette): in this region Transhumance has a great environmental role, and the meat of transhumant sheep has been labelled, in collaboration with the Administration of Nature and Forestry: <https://minett-biosphere.com/en/landings/minetter-schof-3/>

Next year, 2023, UNESCO celebrates 20 years of Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage. In this context the European Heritage Days of the Council of Europe will be dedicated to "Living Heritage": <https://www.europeanheritagedays.com/Shared-Theme/Living-heritage>. In this framework, in Luxembourg the Ministry of Culture together with the Administration of Nature and Forestry will present Transhumance.

In Luxembourg the Bearers Community, Wanderschäferei Weber, will be organising a workshop: "Transhumant Shepherds for one day": <http://www.schaeferrei-weber.lu/>

These are the main Safeguard plan actually, although there are more challenges to face, like how to integrate Transhumance in the general Agricultural Policy of the EU and its implementation at national level.

### 2.3 ANDORRA: Eva Erasa

Andorra has actually two safeguard measure projects:

- Transnational transhumance Trail Andorra-Arriège. Transhumance trail between France and Andorra to be finished in 2024, to profit from the UNESCO Label. The first high level meeting was in July 2022, to reinforce link between the two countries, and the first technical meeting was in September 2022. Two main working groups: One works to determine the exact trail, and the other group works on the historical content of this path, to offer different shorter trails for families, who want to discover the pastoral world of relations between Arriège and Andorra, and develop sustainable tourism,
- Realize interviews to people linked to transhumance: with shepherds and other workers with livestock

### 2.4 ALBANIA: Esmeralda Laci

RUR.AL is working on several small projects for the Safeguarding Plan

- Transhumance as a practice which contributes to the development of sustainable livestock and to the mitigation of negative impacts of Climate change, financed by SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency). The project aims to promote the further development of transhumance, theoretical and technical capacity building of farmers to deal with the climate change and also improve electricity and water availability in summer pastures;
- Digitalization of livestock trails. Financed by Ministry of Culture, working with all transhumance shepherds, digital network of sheep trails.
- In the framework of TRE Programme, Min of Culture and Min of Agriculture of Albania submitted to the Italian Development Cooperation Agency a project proposal for the feasibility study of the AL.P.R.E project.



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### 2.5 FRANCE: Fabienne Gilot

At level of France, a Strategic Safeguard Plan has been put in place by CORAM, of valorisation and viability of transhumance, defined in 7 actions of development. From these 4 actions have been selected to put in place concrete actions in France.

- Provide a legal framework for transhumance
- Strengthen the mechanisms of knowledge and know-how transmission of the profession of transhumant shepherd/cattleman
- Media and Communication on the cultural and societal value of transhumance
- Set up an observatory on transhumance

Sub-groups have been created, at national and territorial level, for each of the four actions, and CORAM will coordinate these actions at National and Local level.

### 2.6 GREECE : Despoina Karatosidi

Greece is traditionally a network of Transhumance paths since prehistoric times.

One of the many Safeguard Plan projects ongoing in Greece is Parcovie Greece, explained and already cited above (point 1.1.3). The TRE programme has already a Headquarter in Greece, in Kalambaka, at the Gal of Kenakap.

### 2.7 ITALY: Nicola Di Niro

In south Italy there is a network of Transhumance Trails, called Tratturi (equivalent to the Spanish Cañadas Reales) which are 111 m wide, and many km long, almost all abandoned, only very few are still used annually by transhumants. But there is a clear will to recuperate them at all level, for transhumance, and also other sustainable tourism: on foot, by horse or bicycle.

The South Italian Regions: Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Lazio, Molise and Puglia, have created a network (on existing Transhumance Doves) connecting several Natural, Regional and National Parks through the Pilot project PARCOVIE 2030, inside the Programme TRE Terre Rurali d'Europa.

### 2.8 IYRP (International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralism) 2026

The International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralism (IYRP), and the planned activities for 2026, is presented, as several of the participants are representatives of the IYRP International and Regional working group. The other participants of the meeting show interest in participating also in the European Regional Working Group.

### 2.9 MONGOLIA: Bayar Jargal

This Focal Points of Transhumance UNESCO ICH nomination group meeting is also very interesting for Mongolia. Mr Jargal is representing the person responsible of UNESCO at Embassy of Mongolia in Paris (Mrs Uyanga Suckhbaatar, actually on mission,). The Focal Point for IYRP for Mongolia is working in New York.

Mongolia would like to have a clear definition of the concept of transhumance and having his Government know the difference between Transhumance (called seasonal droving of livestock) and Nomadism.

Mongolia has a very short (2-3 months) summer, and there is a need to move livestock, to find food. Despite the geographic differences, it is important to stay under a same umbrella, and share the similarities, and organize a meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture to clarify the similarities between mobile pastoralists worldwide.

### 2.10 SPAIN: Francesca Pasetti

Spain has its transhumance trails (Cañadas Reales) protected by law since 1273

- In 1992 was created the Association Concejo de la Mesta, to work deeply on the disappearing of transhumance by foot, and to give visibility to it: in 1994 for the first time a transhuming flock crosses again the city of Madrid, as it had been doing for centuries up to 1836. Since 1994 this is done every year, on the third Sunday of October.

- 1995 renewal of the law of 1273, protecting livestock trails legally, declaring in the article 2, that Livestock Trails are public domain, of the Spanish Autonomous Regions, and consequently unalienable, unprescriptible and unattachable. This law, <https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-1995-7241>, can be used as example for other countries.

- The Ministry of Culture of Spain is working on a National Safeguarding Plan, but the responsible could not attend this meeting, and details will be shared in a second moment.



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### 2.11 GERMANY: Sabine Poth

Germany (LPP League for Pastoral Peoples and the German Association of Shepherds) is very interested in participate in the next wave of Transhumance being declared World ICH, and in the Programme TRE, as Transhumance is quite in danger of survival also in Germany.

For the Programme TRE, they are already having contact with a Local Action Group, to see possibilities of collaboration.

### 2.12 PORTUGAL: Julio Sa Rego and Miguel Rainha

Portuguese pastoralism is characterized by diverse forms of mobility in mountain regions. Transhumance is historically attached to Serra da Estrela and sheep tending. The historic transhumance trails used to reach Alentejo, the Mondego river basin, the Douro, and Idanha, and included connexions with Spanish transhumance trails.. Peasant views are still spread in Portuguese pastoral culture, making pastoralists hermetic to entrepreneurial narratives of pastoralism. Their activity is driven by cultural attachment to the land and animals, as well as subsistence, rather than economic incentives.

Safeguarding measures would have to take this cultural specificity into account, but Portugal is still facing a weak political mobilisation to initiate the inventory of transhumance.

As Germany, Portugal is also very interested in both, the programme TRE and to participate in the third wave of UNESCO Nomination.

## 3 CONCLUSION: COMMON ACTIONS

The actual five members of the International Steering Committee of the TRE Programme (Nicola di Niro, Fabienne Gilot, Despoina Karatosidi, Esmeralda Laci and Francesca Pasetti) are working on opening TRE Programme to other countries, and have proposed several concrete projects for common actions. All the participants of the meeting have given excellent inputs for other common actions. All these projects will complement the safeguarding measures proposed in the UNESCO nomination file

Furthermore, actions will be taken to help all countries of the different continents showing interest to participate in a third wave of Transhumance nomination file preparation

## 4 WORK SCHEDULE

All members are invited to share their Transhumance Festivities calendar, as well as that of their main Fairs, for the next years, up to 2026, to prepare a common **calendar of Transhumance festivities** in all our countries in order to organise common activities in these occasion (Coordination meetings, International Transhumance Festival, etc).

All the participants wish to continue to meet regularly to advance the implementation of common actions and to rely on the expertise of each country.

The CRAMM will therefore continue to organise working meetings, and common actions, taking advantage of events on transhumance that will take place in the different countries, especially in view of the IYRP in 2026

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**SOME PICTURES OF THE MEETING**



Photo 1: Colleagues from Mongolia (B.Jargal), Germany (S.Poth), Albania (E.Laci), Greece (D.Karatosidi) and Andorra (I.Arauz), participating per videoconference, while Guillermo Centeno (Min Transition and Demogr. Transition) is opening the session of the Meeting in Madrid 21-10-2022



Photo 2 : meeting Room in Madrid, where representatives of the Min of Ecological Transition of Spain, of 12 European countries, plus Mongolia, and 2 IYRP representatives, working on TRE (Terre Rurali d'Europa) Programme and Common Safeguarding Plans as well as on the possibility of a third wave of Nomination of Transhumance World Immaterial Cultural Heritage



Photo 3: Representatives of 8 European countries (P.Dondelinger, M.Weber, J.García, J.Vias, N.DiNiro, I.Savescu, E.Gontea, I.Arauz, F.Gilot, M.Rainha, J.Vlad) plus representatives of IYRP (F.Pasetti, J.SaRego) and of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (J.Chico) 21-10-2022, Plaza de Oriente – Madrid - Spain



Photo 4 : Representatives of 7 countries ,2 representative of IYRP, 1 Repr Min of Ecol Transition and Jesús Garzón, the owner of the transhuming sheep flock that crossed Madrid the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October (21-10-2022, Casa de Campo – Madrid - Spain).



Photo 5 : Representatives of 6 European countries (I.Arauz, F.Gilot, P.Dondelinger, N.DiNiro, L.Sudlow, I.Savescu, E.Gontea, J.Vlad) and 3 representatives of IYRP (P.Manzano, F.Pasetti, J.SaRego) The Meeting room is in Aljibe of Botellería with rests of the ancient walls of Madrid

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Photo 6 : Meeting in the Environmental Education Centre of Comunidad de Madrid in Casa de Campo, opening session of Jesus Garzón and Luis Eduardo Molina Terren, Director of Environmental Education Department of the Autonomous Community of Madrid



Photo 7 : Environmental Education Centre of Comunidad de Madrid in Casa de Campo, Jesus Garzón and Francesca Pasetti explaining Transhumance in Spain as part of the open discussion on Transhumance and its challenges in Europe



Photo 8: Shepherds & Pastoralism experts from Spain, Argentina, Rumania, France, Italy, Luxembourg & IYRP representatives, discussing International Pastoralism issues (Casa de Campo-Madrid-Spain (22-10-2022)



Photo 9: President of Rumanian Shepherd Association (E.Gontea) and Italian Focal Point (Nicola Di Niro) in the Shepherds dresses of their countries, with the transhuming merinos sheep of the Concejo de la Mesta Association (which would cross Madrid 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2022)



Photo 8: Rumanian shepherd in the Dehesa of Casa de Campo, talking with Spanish veterinary. Madrid can be seen in the back (22-10-2022)



Photo 9: Argentinian and Rumanian transhuming livestock keeper sharing experiences and presents



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Photo 10: Preparation of a common film on Pastoralism in the framework of a Common Safeguard Plan of Transhumance and Pastoralism for IYRP



Photo 11: Luxemburgish Shepherdess Myriam Weber, talking with the Argentinian Shepherds Eliseo and Juana Parada, and walking in front of the flock crossing the city of Madrid. (23-10-2022)



Photo 12: International Delegation behind the shepherds of León (Spain) in gala dress, and walking in front of the flock, crossing Plaza Mayor of Madrid (23-10-2022)



Photo 13: Flock of 1200 sheep and 200 goats crossing Madrid, with their shepherds, also with young generation (23-10-2022)



Photo 14 Jesús Garzón, the president of Concejo de la Mesta, owner of the flock, leading the sheep through the Castellana with the Argentinian Shepherds. On left the Townhall of Madrid (23-10-2022)



Photo 15: Representatives from Luxembourg (Patrick Dondelinger from Min of Culture, and Myriam Weber, transhuming shepherdess) with José Luis Martínez Martínez Almeida, Mayor of Madrid, in the centre (23-10-2022)

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Photo 16: The International group participating in the ceremony of the Mayor and the Shepherd in the entrance of the town hall of Madrid (23-10-2022)



Photo 17: Some words of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture of Spain, Mr Fernando Miranda Sotillos, in the entrance of the town hall of Madrid (23-10-2022)



Photo 18: Mayor of Madrid and Chief Shepherd (of the Transhumance Flock of Concejo de la Mesta) signing the agreement, for the payment of the 50 "maravedies" for each 1000 sheep crossing the city of Madrid (23-10-2022) honouring a 1418 agreement with the city's council where the price of 50 "maravedís al millar" (50 middle age coins per thousand heads of livestock) was set for the safe passage of the animals.



Photo 19: Focal Points of Transhumance ICH Nomination with Jose Luis Martinez Almeida, the Mayor of Madrid, and Fernando Miranda Sotillos, Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture of Spain (23-10-2022)



Words of the Retinta Goat (local breed in extinction) you can see in these two last pictures:

Thank you for allowing us, local breeds (very adapted to difficult dry, hot or cold climate conditions, and feeding on marginal vegetation) to survive!!!!



We will continue giving you humans high quality milk, meat, wool, leather, and manure  
We will continue preventing fires  
We will continue supporting high biodiversity...etc

if you allow us to continue grazing, as we have been doing for centuries, following the eternal spring... through

**TRANSHUMANCE**